

BOROUGH OF FLEETWOOD.

ANNUAL REPORT

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Medical Officer of Health.

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To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of  
The Borough of Fleetwood.

Gentlemen and Madam,

I have pleasure to present my twenty- first Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the District during the year ending 31st December 1943, combined with the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector. In accordance with Circular 10/44 dated 15th February 1944 of the Ministry of Health, this will take the form of an interim report, to be followed by a complete report, after the termination of the war, dealing with the period from the beginning of 1939.

#### INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Although official figures have not been supplied by the Registrar General, it is believed that a further improvement occurred in the figures for infant deaths.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

There was no outbreak of Infectious Disease during the year. The number of cases of Diphtheria and Scarlet Fever showed an increase on the previous year. It is noteworthy that there have been no deaths from Diphtheria during 1943.

#### MEASLES AND WHOOPING COUGH REGULATIONS, 1939 (PROVISIONAL).

Under these regulations, Measles and Whooping Cough became compulsorily notifiable from the 23rd October, 1939. The number of cases of Measles showed an increase, and the number of cases of Whooping Cough showed a decrease, on the previous year.

#### MILK SUPPLY.

Inspections and sampling were maintained throughout the year, and action taken where found to be necessary.

#### WATER SAMPLING.

Samples of tap water were taken regularly throughout the year, and copies of monthly reports were received, by the Courtesy of the Fylde Water Board. In all cases both bacteriological and chemical were satisfactory.

#### SANITARY CONDITIONS.

Inspections of various premises during the year totalled 4,816 and 405 nuisances and defects were remedied.

#### HOUSING.

Fifty-two houses were inspected under the Housing Acts, and all were put in good repair, no action was necessary with regard to overcrowding, apart from isolated cases, which were dealt with as they arose.

#### ERADICATION OF VERMIN.

Since June, 1939, the furniture of all New Tenants to Corporation Houses has been disinfected with Hydrogen Cyanide Gas in a special gas-proof van, the work being carried out by Sanitary Staff specially trained in this work. Verminous houses are sprayed with a proprietary insecticide (Lethane), which has proved satisfactory in light infestation, but in severe cases Hydrogen Cyanide Gas is used, a firm of contractors being employed.



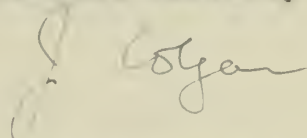
SALVAGE OF WASTE MATERIALS.

The salvaging of waste materials was continued during the year, and the returns showed an increase on the previous year. The necessary monthly returns have been forwarded to the Ministry.

FOOD INSPECTION.

Under the Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1933, it is necessary for all hawkers of food and their premises and other premises where food is prepared to be registered from the 1st October 1939.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Logan', is written over the typed name.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.





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## INSPECTION OF VESSELS ENTERING THE PORT HEALTH DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1 9 4 3.

By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Port Health Inspectors	No. reported to be defective	No. of orders issued
nil	105	61	61

Rats destroyed on vessels during the year ..... 2,093.

### T A B L E   J

#### Classification of nuisances discovered.

No. inspected	Structural defects due to wear and tear.	Dirt, vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health.
105	23	71

The following is a tabular list of the number and nature of Sanitary defects or nuisances found on vessels.

<u>Nature of Nuisance</u>	<u>No.</u>
Crews quarters requiring cleansing, painting etc.....	2
--      --      damp from leaking decks, broken or defective hawse pipes etc.....	6
Broken port lights.....	1
Dirty food lockers and pantries .....	20
Leaking decks .....	1
Defective W.G.'s.....	7
Vessels infested with rats .....	10
Defective stove pipes or stoves .....	4
Vessels fumigated .....	6
Dirty galleys .....	5
Broken woodwork .....	4
Defective ventilators .....	2
Dirty bunks and bedding .....	33
<u>Total</u>	<u>101</u>

#### PREMISES ON HARBOUR AND DOCK.

During the year 1,863 visits were made to various premises which included 13 visits to the Fish Meal and Oil Works and 10 to the Railway Incinerator.

The following table gives the number of instances in which nuisances or defects were found :-

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Abated</u>	<u>Outstanding</u>
Dirty conveniences	12	9	3
defective conveniences	1	1	-
Choked drains	20	20	-
Accumulations	6	6	-
Portions of fish stage not cleansed	21	21	-
Fish Meal & Oil Works dirty barrels	1,200	75	1,125
Defective rain water pipes	-	-	-
Dirty floors	2	1	1
Premises requiring linowashing	2	1	1
Dirty icechests	1	1	-
Contravention of San. Acc. Regulations	4	4	-
<u>Total</u>	<u>1,269.</u>	<u>139.</u>	<u>1,130.</u>





The following is a table of the various kinds of fish rejected as unfit for human food during the year 1943 as compared with the year 1942 under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations 1937, and sent to the Fish Meal and Oil Works for disposal.

	<u>1943</u>		<u>1942</u>	
	Cwts qrs.		Cwts. Qrs.	
Bream .....	26	2	55	1
Bergylt .....	429	2	590	0
Catfish .....	244	0	81	3
Cod .....	3,524	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	1,296	2
Coalfish .....	2,550	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	709	2
Dabs .....	153	2	78	2
Dogfish .....	107	1	205	0
Gurnards .....	90	2	228	3
Haddock .....	455	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,677	2
Halibut .....	40	1	33	2
Hake .....	388	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	138	0
John Dory .....	1	1	0	0
Lemon Soles .....	0	0	5	0
Ling .....	181	1	0	0
Monkfish .....	2	2	0	0
Mackerel .....	243	1	71	2
Megrims .....	103	1	0	1
Mixed Fish .....	3,908	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,737	0
Plaice .....	115	0	70	1
Pollack .....	0	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0
Roes .....	4	3	3	2
Roker .....	25	1	66	2
Shark .....	1	0	0	0
Skate .....	36	1	32	3
Soles .....	0	0	7	2
Sprats .....	11	1	0	0
Torsk .....	125	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	56	2
Whiting .....	111	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	230	0
Witches .....	228	2	2	2
	<u>13,139</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7,467</u>	<u>2</u>

#### MUSSEL LAYINGS IN PORT HEALTH DISTRICT.

Visits have been made by the Inspectors of this Authority to the mussel layings within the district in an endeavour to see that the regulations of the Lancashire County Council in regard to the taking of mussels for purification have been carried out.

Four additional notices prohibiting the taking of mussels for human food were put up at the Arm Hill mussel layings.

